

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)
Adult Issues Committee
Minutes of Meeting, June 19, 2015
DDDS Fox Run, 2nd floor training room
2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE
And
Teleconference
302-526-5475
Conference ID 6940783#
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Members present at meeting location: Larry Henderson, Executive Director- Independent Resources, Inc., Self-Advocate, Committee Chair; Karen Gallagher, Self-Advocate, Committee Vice-Chair; Carol Barnett, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Persons with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD); Bill Monaghan, Advocate, Delaware People First; Barbie Monaghan, DDC Chair, Advocate, Delaware People First; Tina Fields, Advocate, Delaware People First; Laura Strmel, St. John's Community Services; Terri Hancharick, Parent Advocate

Guests present at meeting location: Barbara Bass, Assistant to Karen Gallagher

Members attending via teleconference: Gary Mears, Parent Advocate

Members Absent: Sonal Cercena, Self-Advocate; Bernadette DeAngelis, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS); Vivian Turner, Director- Collaborative Efforts to Reinforce Transition Success (CERTS); Alvin Emory, Self-Advocate; Debra Veenema, MS Delaware; HarrietAnn Litwin, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Staff: Patricia Maichle, Executive Director, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM

II. Approval of Minutes: The May, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

III. Approval of Agenda: The June 19, 2015 meeting agenda was approved, with the addition of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Delaware sponsorship item and information about DART re-certification standards.

IV. Chair's Report: Larry Henderson provided a report on the committee's recently-completed Emergency Preparedness Conference for persons with disabilities and first responders. A committee discussion ensued, with members sharing the opinion that the conference could have featured more interaction between presenters and attendees. The committee also expressed disappointment that the conference did not have more attendees. Audio visual equipment difficulties were also cited as a negative aspect of the conference. The committee agreed that if a conference of this type were to be held again in the future, that a Saturday event would perhaps be better attended. The committee

also felt that there should have been more effort to use alternative media formats to promote the conference.

V. **Staff Report:** Pat Maichle did not provide a report.

VI.

A. Review of Proposals Received in Response to DDC Request for Proposals (RFP) 1503- Oral Health Public Awareness Campaign for Persons with Disabilities Ages 21+:

The committee received two responses to RFP 1503. The Marketing Department and Evolve Brand Marketing both submitted proposals. Upon thorough review of both proposals, and completion of the required Proposal Funding Questionnaire and associated scoring system, the committee chose to grant the contract for this project to The Marketing Department.

During the review process, a few recommendations were made regarding how to update the review form. Suggestions included adding the relevant State Plan goal and objective to each evaluation form. Some also suggested adding the name of each company/contractor being reviewed to the top of each evaluation form prior to the forms being given to the committee.

B. Any Changes to Current 2012-2015 State Plan Objectives:

Upon review of the objectives within the 2012-2016 State Plan that the committee are responsible for, the committee determined that no changes were necessary.

C. Development of 2017-2021 DDC State Plan:

Pat Maichle asked the committee to “think outside the box” when brainstorming ideas for objectives for the upcoming state plan.

VII. **New Business:**

- A. NAMI Delaware Sponsorship-** The committee voted to recommend that the Council fund a \$1,000 “Blue” Sponsorship to the NAMI Conference. The Council will vote on the committee’s recommendation at their upcoming July meeting.
- B. DART Re-certification-** Cards have been received, but there has been no response. Non-ADA routes will have higher fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

